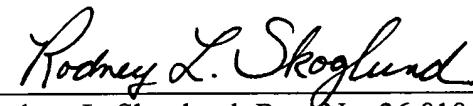


## REMARKS

The amendments presented herein have been made either (1) to lower the number of claims for examination, (2) to eliminate the multiple dependency of some of the claims, or (3) to provide the claims in proper form under U.S. practice. None of these amendments were made for any reason related to patentability. As these amendments do not add any new subject matter, it is respectfully requested that they be entered.

Upon entering the amendments, claims 1-3, 6, 8-9, 11-19, 21-22, 24-26, 29-33, 36-37, 39-46, 49-57, 61-65, 68, and 71-76 will remain pending. A Notice of Allowance of these claims is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the foregoing in more detail, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

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